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SUBJECT: DELAY OF U.S. VEHICLE BY EAST GERMANS

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1. FOLLOWING SELF-EXPLANATORY TEXT OF ORAL STATEMENT

BEING DELIVERED EVENING JUNE 18 TO SOVIET COMMANDANT AT MARIENBORN
AUTOBAHN CHECKPOINT.

BEGIN TEXT

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AT ABOUT 1830 ON JUNE 16, 1975, TWO U.S. TRAVELLERS

EN ROUTE TO BERLIN IN U.S. FORCES REGISTERED VEHICLE JC-3851 WERE DELAYED BY AN EAST GERMAN GUARD AT THE FIRST POLE BARRIER EAST OF THE HARBKESTRASSE BRIDGE. THE GUARD ASKED THE U.S. TRAVELLERS TO SHOW HIM THEIR IDENTITY DOCUMENTS AND MOVEMENT ORDERS. THE U.S. TRAVELLERS PROPERLY REFUSED TO DO SO. AFTER A DELAY OF FIVE MINUTES THE BARRIER WAS OPENED AND THE U.S. VEHICLE PROCEEDED TO THE SOVIET CHECKPOINT.

THE U.S. AUTHORITIES PERCEIVE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR THE INTRUSION OF AN EAST GERMAN OFFICIAL INTO THIS MATTER SOLELY INVOLVING ALLIED TRAFFIC. THE U.S. AUTHORITIES WISH TO REMIND THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES THAT THEY ARE EXCLUSIVELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THE FREE PASSAGE WITHOUT DELAY OF ALLIED TRAFFIC TO AND FROM BERLIN. ON BEHALF OF MY AUTHORITIES I MUST PROTEST THE UNWARRANTED DELAY OF THE TWO ALLIED TRAVLLERS AND INSIST THAT THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO ENSURE AGAINST FUTURE INTERVENTION OF THIS SORT. END TEXT

2. IN VIEW OF THE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR ALLIED ACCESS CONTAINED IN THE ACTION BY THE EAST GERMAN GUARD, ALLIED MISSIONS AGREED THAT STATEMENT BE CONVEYED TRIPARTITELY. ACCORDINGLY, FRENCH AND BRITISH CHECKPOINT COMMANDERS ACCOMPANYING OUR COMMANDER AT HIS MEETING WITH SOVIET.

3. ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOTE THAT BARRIER WHERE DELAY OCCURRED IS BARRIER E DESCRIBED REF B, NOT ONE OF NEW BARRIERS DESCRIBED REF A.

4. USCOB CONCURS.SELIGMANN

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